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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND DEFENDS NORWAY'S  
PLO VOTE AT UN

SUMMARY FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND HAS VIG-  
OROUSLY DEFENDED NORWAY'S PLO VOTE IN  
COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT ON NORWEGIAN MIDDLE EAST  
POLICY. END SUMMARY.

1. INCREASING DISCONTENT FROM RIGHT WING OF  
LABOR PARTY AND MAJOR NON-SOCIALIST POLITICAL  
PARTIES OVER NORWAY'S VOTE ON "INVITATION" TO  
PLO SURFACED ABRUPTLY IN STORTING (PARLIAMENT)  
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OCTOBER 29. STORTING MEMBER KARE KRISTIANSEN

OF CHRISTIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY MAINTAINED THAT PLO VOTE REPRESENTS CHANGE IN NORWEGIAN MIDDLE EAST POLICY AND ASKED FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND TO EXPLAIN THE NORWEGIAN POSITION.

2. FRYDENLUND'S CAREFULLY-WORDED, LENGTHY RESPONSE DENIED ANY SHIFT IN NORWEGIAN POLICY, SET FORTH THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF NORWEGIAN POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST AND OFFERED DETAILED REASONING BEHIND NORWEGIAN VOTE ON PLO RESOLUTION. SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S REMARKS:

--MAIN ELEMENTS OF NORWEGIAN POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST SINCE 1970 ARE (1) CONQUEST OF TERRITORY BY FORCE CANNOT BE ACCEPTED (2) ALL STATES IN REGION MUST HAVE RIGHT TO LIVE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED FRONTIERS AND (3) A JUST SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND FOR PALESTINIAN ARABS.

--FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS IN OSLO, FOREIGN MINISTRY INSTRUCTED UN DELEGATION TO ABSTAIN PROVIDED THAT A MAJORITY OF WEST EUROPEAN NATIONS DID LIKEWISE. WITH WESTERN EUROPE VOTING 11 IN FAVOR, 7 ABSTAINING, THE DELEGATION FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS AND VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION.

--GOVERNMENT WEIGHED DECISION THOUGHTFULLY, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION IMPACT ON ME NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL AS POSITIONS OF OTHER NATIONS.

--STARTING FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HAD PREVIOUSLY CRITICIZED NUMBER OF ABSTENTIONS IN VOTING RECORD OF NORWEGIAN UN DELEGATION AND RECOMMENDED MORE DECISIVE VOTING APPROACH ON UN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISSUES AUGMENTING EACH VOTE, AS NECESSARY, WITH FURTHER EXPLANATIONS OR RESERVATIONS.

--ON PLO QUESTION ITSELF, NORWAY REGARDED RESOLUTION AS PURELY PROCEDURAL AND NORWEGIAN VOTE IN NO WAY REFLECTS NORWEGIAN VIEWS ON REPRESENTATIVENESS OF PLO, RECOGNITION OF THE ORGANIZATION

OR ENDORSEMENT OF PLO POLITICAL  
PROGRAM.

--TRADITIONAL NORWEGIAN ATTITUDE FABORS  
RIGHT OF VARIOUS GROUPS TO HAVE OPPOR-  
TUNITY FOR EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS  
ON MATTERS OF DIRECT CONCERN TO THEM.

3. COMMENT ALTHOUGH NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT  
DID NOT ATTEMPT TO SEIZE INITIATIVE AND EXPLAIN  
UNPOPULAR PLO VOTE IN ADVANCE OF PARLIAMENTARY  
CRITICISM, RESPONSE TO KRISTIANSEN'S QUESTION  
WAS OBVIOUSLY CAREFULLY PREPARED BEFOREHAND.  
NORWAY HAS BECOME KNOWN IN RECENT YEARS FOR A  
NON-CONFRONTATION ORIENTATION IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
WITH A PARTICULAR BIAS IN FAVOR OF LEFTIST/LDC  
CAUSES AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SURPRISING FOR  
NORWAY TO HAVE PERFORMED OTHERWISE  
IN LOPSIDED 120-4-20 PLO VOTE. FURTHERMORE,  
FROM NORWEGIAN VIEWPOINT, IT IS IMPORTANT TO  
PROMOTE "PERMANENT PEACE SETTLEMENT" IN ME, EVEN  
AT RISK OF OFFENDING ISRAELI SENSIBILITIES. AS  
FRYDENLUND EXPRESSED IT, "HOW WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO  
ARRIVE AT LASTING.SOLUTION...UNLESS PALESTINIAN ARABS  
ALSO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS".  
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